

Docket No.

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DECLARATION FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

FOAMABLE POLY(VINYL CHLORIDE) RESIN COMPOSITION

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was filed on September 13, 2000 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP00/06236 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a) - (d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

				Priority Claimed
(List prior foreign applications. See note A)	<u>269069/1999</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>22/9/1999</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	<u>269070/1999</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>22/9/1999</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

			Status
(List prior U.S. Applications)	<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>Patented</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Pending</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Abandoned</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
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 (Insert Title) EXPANDABLE VINYL CHLORIDE RESIN COMPOSITION

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(List prior foreign applications. See note A on back of this page)	<u>8910/1999</u> (Number)	<u>Japan</u> (Country)	<u>18/1/1999</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	Priority Claimed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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